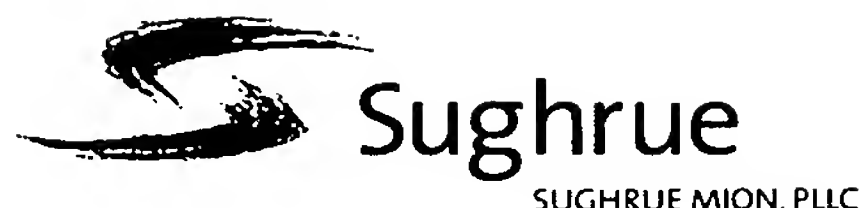


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Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ a copy of the International Application.
- ☒ four (4) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-8).
- ☒ a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the ISR.
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- ☒ a copy of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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